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FRESH TREMOR HITS TURKIYE, IMPACT FELT IN SYRIA, LEBANON

ANTAKYA: A 6.4-magnitude earthquake was recorded on Monday in Turkiye's southern province of Hatay, the hardest hit by a February 6 tremor which left more than 41,000 dead in the country, the disaster response agency AFAD said. Scenes of panic were reported as the new tremors raised clouds of dust in the devastated town. According to AFAD, more than 6,000 aftershocks have been recorded since the 7.8-magnitude quake hit Turkiye and Syria | P14

CHHATTISGARH

HEALTHCARE

Healthcare at People's Doorstep

Several initiatives by the Chhattisgarh Government have transformed the common citizen's access to healthcare

Haat Bazar Clinic: Delivering Quality Health Care in rural areas

As per the intention of the government, Garhbo Nava Chhattisgarh is committed to providing quality health facilities to the last person of in the villages and remote forest areas of the state. Launched under the guidance of Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel and the Health and Family Welfare Department, it started on October 2, 2019, on the occasion of the 150th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi.

Due to shortage of doctors in rural hospitals, many times even basic health services are not available to the sick people on time, due to which the disease is not detected and in case of complications, the patients need to be referred to bigger hospitals. With the facility of check-up and treatment in Haat Bazar clinics every week, such patients are able to get basic health services quickly.

Due to the absence of pathology laboratories in rural and urban slum areas, patients had to travel to urban areas even for small tests. Now blood tests for diseases like blood pressure, diabetes, sickle cell, anemia, malaria, and typhoid are being done free of cost in the Haat Bazar clinic itself. This also leads to quick treatment in case of illness.

Since 2019 till now, a total of more than 48 lakh people have availed of the services of the Haat Bazar clinics. The Mukhyamantri Haat Bazar Clinic scheme, has been appreciated globally. Glimpses of Haat Bazar Clinics to be organised in the aspirational districts of the state have been presented on the WHO website, under which the Chief Minister's Haat-Bazaar Clinic operating in Sonpur village of Narayanpur district of the state is showcased.

Storing Hope

Thanks to the efforts of the Government of Chhattisgarh to provide easy health facilities to the citizens in the state, now they are being able to access health facilities. Under the Shree Dhanwantri Generic Medical Store scheme, a huge discount of more than 50 per cent is being given to the common citizens on the purchase of high quality generic medicines. This has reduced the cost of treatment. Now more people are able to get treatment.

The Shree Dhanwantri Generic Medical Store scheme was started to provide high quality subsidised medicines to common citizens. Under the scheme, Shree Dhanwantri Generic Medical Stores have been opened in all 169 urban bodies of the state. 194 shops have been started and 329 types of generic medicines and 28 surgical items are available at discounted rates in these stores. With this, generic medicines are now easily available for common citizens.

It has been made mandatory for government doctors to write generic medicines on prescriptions. In order to ensure the quality of the medicine. A condition has been placed in these shops to provide generic medicines of reputed companies of the country. The medicines available include those for the treatment of cold, cough, fever, blood pressure, Insulin as well as critical illnesses. Medicines, antibiotics, surgical items with a huge discount of a minimum 50 per cent are also available. In the forthcoming phase, arrangements will also be made for home delivery of medicines from these shops.

Boon for Women

The Chief Minister of Chhattisgarh, Bhupesh Baghel, started the Dai Didi Clinic for women on the birthday of former Prime Minister Indira Gandhi (November 19, in 2020). This scheme was started as a pilot project with three special mobile Dai Didi clinics for Raipur, Durg-Bhilai and Bilaspur Municipal Corporation areas.

The special thing in this scheme is that all the medical staff including doctors (MMU) in Dai Didi Special Clinic are women and only women and girls are being treated free of cost.

The major reasons for implementing the Dai Didi Clinic Scheme is that some women cannot openly tell the doctor about their problems. Because of this, proper treatment of their disease is not possible.

Therefore, the Chhattisgarh Government started this scheme for them, in which such an environment is being provided to women, by having female doctors and female staff in Dai Didi Clinic, that she gets proper treatment without any hesitation. Along with this, the Dai Didi clinic reaches their home and with the help of mobile clinic first aid, breast cancer screening by female doctor, training of beneficiaries for self-examination, regular and special examination of pregnant women is also going on.

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Benefits of Dai Didi Clinic Scheme

The Bhupesh Baghel Government of Chhattisgarh is committed to providing health benefits to all citizens of the state. Under the ambitious D. Khubchand Baghel Swasthya Sahayata Yojana of the Government, the people of the state are being given the benefit of health insurance coverage.The main objective of the Bhupesh Baghel Government through the Dr. Khubchand Baghel Health Assistance Scheme is to provide quality health services to the citizens of Chhattisgarh, which can be easily accessible to needy families.

No poor family in the state is now deprived of health facilities. All are being given free treatment under the Dr. Khubchand Baghel Swasthya Sahayata Yojana. Poor families are getting their treatment without paying money. With the launch of this scheme, free treatment ranging from Rs 5 lakh to Rs 20 lakh is being given to citizens. Under the Dr. Khubchand Baghel Health Assistance Scheme, four times health benefits are being provided to all the beneficiaries as compared to Ayushman Bharat Scheme, the health mission of the Central Government.

Benefits are also being provided to the eligible deprived families under the socio-economic and caste census and all the ration card holder families of the state. Citizens are being provided the benefit of cashless treatment up to ₹50,000 or ₹5 lakh depending on their eligibility. Antyodaya ration card holder families are being given the benefit of free cashless treatment up to ₹5 lakh under the scheme. Apart from this, other ration card holder families are also being given the facility of free cashless treatment up to Rs 500,00 per annum under this scheme. Under the Dr Khubchand Baghel Health Assistance Scheme, the beneficiary, depending on his need, can go to a government hospital or otherwise.

To take advantage of the Dr Khubchand Baghel Health Assistance Scheme, the beneficiary have to go to Ayushman Mitra and register himself/herself, after which an e-card is issued to the beneficiary, on the basis of which the hospital will get the benefit of this scheme. With the meaningful efforts of Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel, Chhattisgarh has become the only state in the country to provide health benefits under this scheme. With this health insurance scheme implemented in the state, citizens are getting rid of excessive expenditure on the treatment of diseases and the standard of healthcare of the state is also improving.

- **Women medical staff are providing free treatment to women and girls. Various examinations related to pathology of female patients are done and consultation and free medicines are being provided to female patients.**

- **In collaboration with Chhattisgarh Women and Child Development Department, this clinic is being set up in the slum areas near the Anganwadi located in the cities on a predetermined date.**
- **Along with mobile clinics, benefits of various beneficiary-oriented projects of the Chhattisgarh Women and Child Development Department are also being provided for pregnant women and children.**
- **It has emerged as the country's first special mobile clinic for women.**
- **Under the Dai Didi Clinic scheme, 1812 camps were organized in various slums in which more than 1.42 Lakh women patients have been treated.**